UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.LC)	Docket No. RP12-514-000
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NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Pursuant to Rule 214(a)(2) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission"), 18 C.F.R. § 385.214(a)(2), and the Commission's Combined Notice of Filings dated March 27, 2012, the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities ("Mass DPU") hereby files this Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. This proceeding relates to proposed tariff changes filed by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. ("TGP") pursuant to Section 154.206(a) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 154.206(a), and in accordance with a settlement that the Commission approved to resolve a 2010 TGP rate case filing.¹

TGP's proposed tariff changes in this proceeding would elevate the scheduling of secondary firm transactions involving a primary firm transaction. Specifically, TGP proposes to maintain the highest scheduling priority of nominations from primary receipt points to primary delivery points, while establishing two new scheduling priority categories in the following priority order: (i) secondary receipt points to primary delivery points, and (ii) primary receipt points to secondary delivery points. Shipments from secondary receipt points to secondary delivery points would receive the lowest firm service scheduling priority.

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See Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co., 137 FERC \P 61,182 (2011).

I. INTERVENTION

The Mass DPU is the agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts charged with general regulatory supervision over gas and electric companies in Massachusetts and has jurisdiction to regulate rates or charges for the sale of electric energy and natural gas to consumers. Massachusetts General Laws c. 164, § 76 et seq. Therefore, the Mass DPU is a "state commission" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 717(a) and 18 C.F.R. § 1.101(k). This notice of intervention has been filed within the period established under Rule 210(b). Accordingly, the Mass DPU hereby intervenes in this proceeding pursuant to Rule 214(a)(2).

II. COMMUNICATIONS

The Mass DPU requests that the individuals identified below be placed on the Commission's official service list in this proceeding and that all communications related to this filing and future filings in this proceeding should be directed to:

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III. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the Mass DPU hereby files this Notice of Intervention and respectfully requests that the Commission recognize the Mass DPU as an intervener in this proceeding, with all rights attendant thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with 18 C.F.R. § 385.2010 (2008), I hereby certify that I have this day served, via electronic mail or first class mail, the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in these proceedings.

Dated at Boston, Massachusetts on this 4th day of April, 2012.

/s/ Jason R. Marshall

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